

and better understanding, not only for members of the sponsoring component unit, but also for the adjacent and coöperating county medical societies. A councilor district esprit de corps is a valuable adjunct to organized and scientific medicine. Councilor district refresher courses are well worthy of consideration.

#### DEATH OF CHARLES A. DUKES, M.D.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 7th and 8th, at the 3rd Councilor District Postgraduate and Organization Conference in Bakersfield, Doctor Charles A. Dukes of Oakland, Vice President of the American Medical Association, member of the National Committee on Medical Preparedness and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Procurement and Assignment Service for the Ninth Corps area, was one of the guest speakers. Doctor Dukes, with his natural ease and charm, explained, to those present, various steps that were taken by the A. M. A., the C. M. A. and the component county medical societies, urging increased alertness on the part of the medical profession, and the work which only its members could carry on.

Returning to his duties in Oakland, he found himself somewhat indisposed, at first remaining home, and then going to the Merritt Hospital, where death came to him on the afternoon of Friday, March 13th.

For many years, Charles A. Dukes was an active worker for the interests of scientific and organized medicine. As an officer of the Alameda County and California Medical Associations (president in 1940), and in spite of periods of ill health that would have held back many others from taking on duties,—when reward could be little more than the reassuring self knowledge, that one's endeavors had been rendered to the best of personal ability,—he found it difficult to refuse to carry the extra burdens that were handed to him, because of his well-established reputation of conscientious service.

For years he was elected a delegate to the American Medical Association by his California colleagues, and his wise counsel and other qualities in the A. M. A. House of Delegates brought to him both personal and collective recognition. When war conditions were in the offing, the Trustees of the American Medical Association voted that he should be a member of the National Committee on Medical Preparedness. In California he was the only physician on the Governor's original Council on Defense. Subsequently, when the important department known as the Federal Procurement and Assignment Service was brought into being by President Roosevelt on October 30, 1941, the Hon. Paul V. McNutt, Federal Security Administrator, appointed Dr. Dukes as chairman of the Ninth Corps Area under the Federal Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Service,\* and he

took on these additional obligations in a new governmental office adjacent to his own, in Oakland.

When the National Physicians' Committee for the Extension of Medical Service was organized several years ago, Doctor Dukes was elected a member of the Executive Board, representing the Pacific States. In the California Medical Association, one of his special interests was that of the C. M. A. Cancer Commission, he being its chairman.

In his professional work as a physician and surgeon, by ability and conscientious attention and charming approach, he endeared himself to many citizens who came under his care. Now that he is no longer with us, it will not be easy to find others to take up his many activities in equally efficient and generous manner. Doctor Dukes will be missed.

#### NINTH CORPS AREA PROCUREMENT AND ASSIGNMENT SERVICE

**Henry S. Rogers Appointed.**—The death of Doctor Charles A. Dukes left the Ninth Corps Area Procurement and Assignment Service without a head. Because applications for deferments were rapidly accumulating, with danger of assignment of physicians to line service instead of the Medical Corps of Army or Navy, prompt action was necessary.

In the emergency, the authorities (Office of Emergency Management of the "Office of Defense, Health and Welfare Services") through Hon. Paul V. McNutt, Director and Federal Security Administrator, appointed to succeed the late Doctor Dukes, the President of the California Medical Association, Henry S. Rogers, M. D., of Petaluma.

The work of the Ninth Corps Area Procurement and Assignment Service will be carried on under the supervision of Doctor Rogers, in Room 1938, Four Fifty Sutter Building, San Francisco. This memorandum is inserted for the information of those who may be interested, as the March issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE goes to press.

**Other State Association and Component County Society News.**—Additional news concerning the activities and work of the California Medical Association and its component county medical societies is printed in this issue, commencing on page 148.

*Keep Morale High: V points, each may sharpen for Victory:*

- I. Do daily work better, each job more carefully.
- II. Keep personal affairs in order, keep physical possessions in shape.
- III. Keep healthy, avoid excesses.
- IV. Conserve; buy war bonds.
- V. Stop rumor and gossip, study for peace.

\* See CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, February, 1942, on page 84.